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My fellow Americans,

On November 1, 2005, I announced the National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza, a comprehensive approach to addressing the threat of pandemic influenza. Our Strategy outlines how we are preparing for, and how we will detect and respond to, a potential pandemic.

Since then, our Nation has taken a series of historie steps to address the pandemic threat. In December, the Congress appropriated \$3.8 billion. The International Partnership for Avian and Pandemic Influenza, which we launched at the United Nations in September 2005, has encouraged openness and coordinated action by the international community. Here at home, we have made major investments in vaccine and antiviral development, research into the influenza virus, surveillance for disease in antimals and humans, and the local, State, and Federal infrastructure necessary to respond to a pandemic. By making these critical investments, the Federal Government has begun strengthening our ability to safeguard the American people in the event of a devestating global pandemic and helping to prepare the Nation's public health and medical infrastructure.

Building upon these efforts, the Implementation Plan for the National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza ensures that our efforts and resources will be brought to bear in a coordinated manner against this threat. The Plan describes more than 300 critical actions, many of which have already been initiated, to address the threat of pandemic influenza.

Our efforts require the participation of, and coordination by, all levels of government and segments of society. State and local governments must be prepared, and my Administration will work with them to provide the necessary guidance in order to best protect their citizens. No less important will be the actions of individual citizens, whose participation is necessary to the success of these efforts.

Our Nation will face this global threat united in purpose and united in action in order to best protect our families, our communities, our Nation, and our world from the threat of pandemic influenza.

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This exhibit highlights the Pandemic Influenza Implementation Plan announced by President Bush on May 5, 2006

Deputy Secretary Clay Sell charged the Office of Environment, Safety and Health to work with all Departmental HQ and field elements to develop and implement the Department's Pandemic Influenza Plan. EH is coordinating the Department's response to the threat of a pandemic and has developed educational information on pandemic influenza. Over the next several months, we will cover important topics to help you make decisions and preparations for a potential pandemic influenza outbreak.

The DOE Avian Influenza website can be accessed at: http://www.eh.doe.gov/health/avian.html

The National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza Implementation Plan can be accessed at: http://pandemicflu.gov/

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